

# *St. Mark's United Methodist Church*

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*"We come together at St. Mark's to praise God, celebrate His love for us, and grow together in Christ by equipping the people of God to implement and spread His Word to the world."*

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***Bishop LaTrelle Millet Easterling***

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***Rev. Sarah Schlieckert***

*District Superintendent  
for the Southern Annapolis Region*

*Welcome, as we gather here to worship!*

*Sunday, August 4, 2024*

*Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost  
Holy Communion*

*Ushers:*

*Francis DeSouza, Deborah Harper, Daryl Smith, Ralph Laquerre,  
Tyrone and Patricia Mundell, Sharon Thomas and Gemma DeSouza-Ottley*

*Order of Service*

*Brother Thomas Matthews, Worship Leader*

Prelude .....	Bros. Gary Barham & Justin Carter
Lighting of the Candles .....	Brother Larry Powell
Processional .....	St. Mark's Choir and Clergy
Greeting .....	Worship Leader
Opening Hymn .....	Hymnal, #359 <i>"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"</i>
Prayer .....	Minister Nena Hughes
Greeting/Call to Worship .....	Brother Thomas Matthews
Leader:	We do not live by bread alone, but by the life-giving word of God's love.
People:	God, give us the bread of life, today and always.
Leader:	Too long have we lived with hunger, seeking to fill our appetites with food that leaves us wanting.
People:	Too long we starved ourselves of spiritual food that truly satisfies.
Leader:	"I am the bread of life", Jesus tells us. "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry."
People:	"Whoever believes in me will never thirsty".
Leader:	come, Holy spirit. Feed us with your grace and love.
People:	May we love our neighbors, ourselves, and you, so that we may never be hungry again. Amen.
Alleluia .....	Hymnal, #186
Affirmation of Faith ( <i>The Apostles Creed</i> ) .....	Hymnal, #881
Selection .....	St. Mark's Choir

*Passing of the Peace*

Acknowledgement of Visitors /

Announcements .....

Sister Tina Thomas-Matthews

*Pastor's Moment*

Selection .....

St. Mark's Choir

Offering Prayer ..... Brother Thomas Matthews

Offering

Offertory

Scriptures ..... Sister Venita Stratford-Smith

Old Testament – *Psalm 51:1–12*

New Testament – *Ephesians 4:1–16 (please stand)*

Sermonic Selection (*please stand*) ..... Hymnal, #369

*“Blessed Assurance”*

Sermon ..... Rev. Walter L. Smith, Jr.

## *“What Are You Hungry For?”*

*John 6:24–35*

Invitation / Altar Call ..... Rev. Walter L. Smith, Jr.

Invitation Selection

Holy Communion ..... Hymnal, #13

*A Service of Word and Table II, beginning at The Great Thanksgiving)*

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right and a good and joyful thing,

Always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

And so,

with your people on earth and all the company of heaven

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

By the baptism of his suffering, death and resurrection

you gave birth to your church,

delivered us from slavery to sin and death,

and made with us a new covenant

by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us

he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,

gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over, he took the cup,

gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:  
“Drink from this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
poured out for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.”

And so,  
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving  
as a holy and living sacrifice,  
in union with Christ’s offering for us,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is Risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy spirit on us gathered here,  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,  
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,  
redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,  
one with each other,  
and one in ministry to all the world,  
until Christ comes in final victory,  
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,  
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father,  
now and for ever.

**Amen.**

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Breaking the Bread**

**Giving the Bread and Cup**

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**  
The blood of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

**Dismissal With Blessing**

Go forth in peace,  
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ  
and the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all. **Amen.**

**Recessional / Closing Hymn** ..... **Rev. Walter L. Smith, Jr.**  
**St. Mark’s Choir**

**Extinguishing of Candles**..... **Brother Larry Powell**

**Benediction**



# Happy Birthday and Anniversary



Jacqueline Jones – 1<sup>st</sup>  
Vicki Cager – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Jason Wright – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Vaughn Johnson – 6<sup>th</sup>  
Venita Stratford – 7<sup>th</sup>  
Aniya Latney – 9<sup>th</sup>  
Tiara Matthews – 9<sup>th</sup>  
Larry Powell – 11<sup>th</sup>  
Andrea Gibson – 11<sup>th</sup>  
George Gibson, Sr. – 11<sup>th</sup>  
Nakja Austin – 14<sup>th</sup>

Angel Simms – 15<sup>th</sup>  
Mya Smith – 19<sup>th</sup>  
Shelly Wilson – 20<sup>th</sup>  
Jazmen Dustin – 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Tyrone Awkward Sr. – 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Justin Wright – 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Gloria Thomas – 26<sup>th</sup>  
Rayon Roy – 26<sup>th</sup>  
Sherman Roy – 28<sup>th</sup>  
Wayne Coffen – 29<sup>th</sup>

## Anniversary

Bob & Grace Catchings – 54 yrs. – 8/8	Tyrone & Patricia Mundell – 45 yrs. – 8/25)
Vaughn & Sandra Johnson 53 yrs. – 8/21	Troy Sr. & Andrea – 36 yrs. – 8/27
	Sherman & Erica Roy – 31 yrs. – 8/28

## Heavenly Birthdays

Garland Shufford – 4 <sup>th</sup>	Tyrone Mundell – 11 <sup>th</sup>
Emory Gibson – 4 <sup>th</sup>	Brenda Awkard – 16 <sup>th</sup>
Mildred Awkward – 7 <sup>th</sup>	Learah Shuford – 18 <sup>th</sup>
Helen Harrison – 10 <sup>th</sup>	Eunice Harding – 29 <sup>th</sup>

# Announcements

Wearing a mask while in the sanctuary is at your discretion.

Worship Attendance — 07/28/2024	
In-Person	68
YouTube	17
Total	85

## Pray Daily at Noon

Please remember to pray daily at NOON. Some areas to include in your prayer, can include the pandemic, racial healing, government leaders, educational challenges, and most importantly for our sick and shut-ins and each other.



Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup> (6:30 p.m.) — Choir rehearsal



Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup> (2:00–6:00 p.m.) — **All You Can Eat Crab Feast–Fun Day.** Music, great food and more. Donation: **\$80**/person. Ridgely Run Community Center (8400 Mission Road, Jessup, MD). For additional information or tickets: Tiara (240.855.3897), Tina (301.775.0837), Pat (410.227.3156). Sponsored by **Emancipation Day Committee.**



Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup> (8:00 a.m. rain or shine) — **5K for Diabetes** being held at Alice B. McCullough Field (Montgomery & Eighth Street, Laurel). **For Online Registration/ Additional Information** go to <https://Runsignup.com/Race/MD/Laurel/EmancipationDay5K>

Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup> (11:00 a.m.–Dusk) — **Annual Emancipation Day** celebration. Fun for all. St. Mark's UMC, 601 Eighth Street, Laurel.

**Week of September 9<sup>th</sup>** — Rev. Smith will be attending the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual National Fellowship Pastor Conference. He will return to service on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Women's Day** — Please submit your suggestions for Women's Day speakers, themes, ideas, activities to Cynthia Augustus at 301.437.6436 and/or [cynthiaspedtchr@yahoo.com](mailto:cynthiaspedtchr@yahoo.com)

## Volunteers Needed

To participate in **Sunday morning worship service** (i.e., liturgist, morning prayer, scriptures and announcement readers). **Everyone can volunteer, especially our youth and young adults.** If you are interested, please let Sisters Deborah Ford or Sandra Johnson know, they will be doing a monthly schedule so you will know in advance when you will be serving. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Ushers Needed** — **Youth and adults**, please speak with Sister Gemma DeSouza-Ottley

**President and Vice President** for the **St. Mark's United Methodist Men.** Please see Rev. Smith for more information.

People are needed to join the **Communion Steward's** ministry please see Rev. Smith or Cynthia Whitfield.

**Note from Finance:** First, let us give a big thank you to all that have been giving. This is a reminder that there are several ways to get your offering to the church:

1. You can drop it off at the church and place it in church mailbox
2. You can mail it to the church (601 Eighth Street, Laurel, MD 20707)

3. You can use on-line giving (Give–St. Marks —  
<https://www.shelbygiving.com/app/giving/stmarks/md>)

Again, thank you. Just remember, even during the pandemic, the church building still has obligations that need to be met.



*“Proclaiming Christ to the generations...  
Equipping disciples to transform the world”*

**Special Prayers / Sick and Shut-In List:** If you hear of anyone that needs special prayer or is taken to the hospital, please contact: Rev. Walter L. Smith, Jr. (301.776.8885), [waltsmith561@gmail.com](mailto:waltsmith561@gmail.com)

Jannette Shuford-Reeves, Rachel Hughes, Rico Harper, Delores Stratford, Keith Davis, Elba Hernandez, Nathaniel Watkins, Judith James, Joseph Ballard, Robert (Bobby) Marshall, Oscar Johnson, Harold (Bubby) Awkward, Jr., Tyrone Awkward, William (Jimmy) Scott, Charles Gregg, Rev. George F. DeFord, Janet Carey, Lafayette and Elaine Harvey, All branches of the Military, Bernice Jackson, Brenda Jackson, Floyd Hughes Sr., Phillip Reese, Naomi Williams (Ms. Cynthia’s Mom), Leah Henry, Sonja Smith, Eric Smith, Gloria Thomas, Wanda Dumas, Tyrone Mundell, Ernestine Gibson, James Matthews, Birdie Walker, Paul Browder, Lamar Payne, Kevin Miller, Hannah Polk

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